ുമായ സഹായം കിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിലും ഇതിനനുകൂലമായി വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ മേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷന്റെ അനുകമ്പയുണ്ടാകുമെന്നുള്ള വിശ്വാസത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ ഈ പ്രമേയം പിൻവലിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

16. Reporting Judgments of the Chief Court.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—"*This Council recommends to the Government that the Chief Court may be requested to arrange that in reporting considered judgments of that Court, the main arguments are also reported, so that the points contested and decided may be made clear.*"

Sir, the idea of this resolution is not mine but taken from eminent legal authorities like, Pollock and Mulla. Pollock says that the law reporting done in India is shabby and he says that in contested cases a summary of the arguments should also be given so that the public may understand what had been the contentions and what had been the decision. This may be a healthy check on the Bench and on the vakils. Sometimes the Judges might pass over arguments which in fact may be important. Vakils will hereafter not waste court's time by irrelevant arguments, seeing that their irrelevant arguments will be reported. Therefore I think it is highly necessary that the Government should accept this resolution, because it will be in the best interests of judicial administration. In this connection, I want to make a suggestion. Now the Law Reporter is appointed as a part time officer. It is very hard to get a man of some standing to work throughout the day for Rs. 75.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—Is that relevant?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—I am simply making a suggestion. I suggest some assistant may be appointed to the Law Reporter.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—All that is irrelevant, Sir.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Any how I move that the resolution may be considered by the House favourably.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—I second it.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—I oppose it and that for proper reasons, I accept all the arguments advanced by the

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proposer. Under the existing circumstances it is not practicable. The reason is also supplied by the last argument advanced by the proposer of the motion.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—That is not relevant.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Whether it is relevant or not, we have to see. It is one of the practices observed in the State that the Law Reporter should be a vakil of some standing. Some time back it was the accepted principle of the Government that people of 10 years' standing should be selected and I believe that we have not deviated much from that rule. If we accept this resolution the Law Reporter will have to remain in the Court from 11 to 5. He will have to suspend all other work. For these reasons unless the remuneration is increased, unless he is given an assistant it is not within practical politics to have a Law Reporter on this paltry salary and for that reason alone I oppose this resolution.

* **Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur, South).*— Sir, I stand not to oppose but to support the resolution that has been tabled by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi. Now there is the opposition from the Hon'ble Member for Vyttila that this resolution is not acceptable on the ground of practical politics. Of course he agrees with the mover in thinking that it will be desirable to have our reports better reported. If that is conceded the only question is of money. If at all there is any objection on this ground it should come from the Government and not from the Hon'ble Members on this side. It certainly must proceed from the Treasury Bench who are more interested in seeing our money properly utilised. Now if that point is conceded, that the reports that are made now are not of the best material and reporting ought to be conducted in a more satisfactory and efficient manner, the question resolves itself into this. Which is better? Whether for the expenditure of a paltry amount we should give up good reporting or whether we should give up good reporting for the sake of spending a small amount? It is better for the Hon'ble Member for Vyttila to come to a decision. This is not anything new or novel. In reports coming from other courts we find that the arguments also do find a place. Nobody can say that it is not good. If it is good why should you not do it? There is only this difficulty of finding a few rupees more, when thousands and thousands are spent against the desire and will

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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of the non-officials. If bigger amounts than this can be spent, or I would use a more stronger expression, wasted, I certainly find no reason why on this useful matter a little more money could not be spent.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—Sir, I was rather surprised that a certain amount of heat developed in the course of what appeared to me a placid resolution. What is more the Government is only too willing to accept the resolution. I think all the heat was due to extraneous matters that were grafted on to this. Whether more monies are required it is for the Government to consider. The resolution seems to be a reasonable one. What the resolution says can be achieved without further investment. I thought a resolution is moved as a resolution and I am only replying to it as such. All those irrelevancies which the Hon'ble Member gave expression to will better remain unanswered. The resolution simply says "that the Chief Court may be requested to arrange that in reporting considered judgments—I may here say that all judgments are considered—of that Court, the main arguments are also reported, *so that the points contested and decided may be made clear*". It is highly necessary for one thing that the judgment should make matters clear. Our Judges succeed very well in doing that. There may be a few cases where the reports may not contain all matters which are not directly taken up in judgment but which may be elucidated as intriguing to the profession or relevant directly or indirectly to the point at issue. Government will be only too glad to state that such arguments as come within the definition indicated in the resolution, namely, points contested and decided, may be made clear in the law reports. Government are fully convinced of the utility of adopting such a course and have very great pleasure in accepting the resolution as such and to ignore all other considerations put forward from one side or the other.

Resolution was accepted by Government.

17. Qualification for Panchayat Membership.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri).*—*"This Council recommends to the Government that persons who have passed the School Final or equivalent examinations be declared eligible to become Panchayatdars".*

Mr. President, Sir, the resolution speaks for itself. The present rule is that only persons who are blessed with a tax of

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